

ARE LAYING THE CABLE

The Shore End at San Francisco Successfully Landed.

The First Message Over the Cable Was Sent From the Shore to the Chief Engineer on the Vessel.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—"In memory of John W. Mackay, I christen the Pacific cable. May it always carry messages of happiness."

With these words Lucille Gage, the 11-year-old daughter of H. L. Gage, governor of California, Sunday, christened the trans-Pacific cable and breaking a bottle of champagne over the shore end, inaugurated a new era in the commercial development of the Pacific coast. The landing and splicing of the shore end which is to connect the main land with Honolulu, was accomplished without hitch of any kind, and was witnessed by 30,000 or 40,000 people. Ideal weather prevailed, their being scarcely any surf.

Early Sunday morning the steamer Newsboy, carrying six miles of cable, steamed close in shore, off Baker's beach, south of the Cliff house, and through a life-saving boat, sent ashore a rope to which the cable was attached. The work of hauling in the cable was done so expeditiously that the officials arrived on the beach only two minutes before the cable was landed. The great bundle of wires touched the beach and was christened at 9:55 o'clock. While the cable was being spliced to the land end, Mayor Schmitz delivered a short speech, congratulating Clarence Mackay on the successful beginning of the work. He also spoke of the importance of the undertaking and the benefit to the world at large that would result from its completion.

Clarence W. Mackay, president of the Commercial Cable Co., thanked the mayor and those present. Gov. H. T. Gage, on behalf of the state of California, paid a fervent tribute to the late John W. Mackay. The formal exercises closed with cheers for the cable and all those taking part in its landing.

Refreshment tents were erected on the beach and while the cable was being spliced Mr. Mackay served champagne and other refreshments to a large number of specially invited guests. Mr. Mackay also sent a telegram to President Roosevelt announcing the event.

When the splicing was completed late in the afternoon horses were hitched to the end and the cable was drawn through the conduit to the cable station. At the same time the steamer Newsboy steamed out to sea five miles and anchored the cable with balloon buoys. It was picked up by the cable steamer Silvertown and taken aboard. The splicing to the main body was completed Sunday night and the Silvertown headed for Honolulu at a seven knot speed.

The first message over the cable was sent from shore to Chief Engineer Bennett on the Silvertown, congratulating him on the successful landing. Several tests were made as the cable was being laid out by the Newsboy and it was found to be in perfect condition.

A portion of the cable was cut up into 3,000 bits for souvenirs and distributed by President Mackay among his guests.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 15.—President Mackay received a message from the Silvertown at midnight, saying that everything was working to perfection.

SUBSIDIZED RAILROADS.

All Companies Have Settled Their Indebtedness With the Government.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The annual report of Gen. Longstreet, the commissioner of railroads, says that of the railroad companies which have received government subsidies in bonds, all have settled their indebtedness with the government, except the Central Branch Railway Co., the successor of the Central Branch Union Pacific Railway Co. The report of the bond-aided and land-grant roads show an increase of \$20,000,000 in net earnings over those of 1901. There was an increase of over \$45,000,000 in gross earnings and of \$27,000,000 in expenses. The report deals with the detailed annual summaries of the operations of the roads, embraces the principal laws of congress that relate to the bond-aided and land-grant railroads, and includes abstracts of the decisions of the supreme court in cases affecting the bond-aided Pacific railroad companies and to which the United States is party.

Reconciliation Reported.

Sloux Falls, S. D., Dec. 15.—The friends of Mrs. Roland B. Molinoux in the divorce colony here are responsible for the statement that all contemplated divorce proceedings on her part will be dropped, and that she will soon return to New York, where a reconciliation with her husband will be effected.

More Schooners Lost.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 12.—Furious snow storms continue to sweep the New Foundland coast. Four more schooners have been lost, one with her entire crew of ten persons. Other vessels have been driven to sea and are believed to be in great danger.

Portrait of Luther Found.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—A hitherto unknown portrait of Martin Luther, painted by Lucas Cranach, the celebrated artist burgomaster of Wittenberg, has been uncovered in the town of Wittenberg.

MRS. GEN. GRANT DEAD.

Expired at Her Home in Washington of Heart Disease.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, wife of President Grant, died at her residence in this city at 11:17 o'clock Sunday night. Death was due to heart failure, Mrs. Grant having suffered for some years from valvular disease of the heart, which was aggravated by a severe attack of bronchitis. Her age prevented her rallying from the attacks. Her daughter, Nellie Grant Sartoris, was the only one of her children with her at the time of her death, her three sons having been summoned here, all being out of the city.

There were also present at the bedside when the end came Miss Rosemary Sartoris, a granddaughter; Dr. Bishop, one of the attending physicians, and the two trained nurses. Death came peacefully, the sufferer retaining almost complete consciousness practically to the end. For several years Mrs. Grant has been so feeble that it was impossible for her to accept social engagements. She suffered from rheumatism, and was compelled to walk with a cane or with the assistance of an attendant. She was 76 years of age at the time of her death.

The remains of Mrs. Grant will be deposited in the tomb at Riverside park, New York, where those of her husband now repose. Whether they will be taken there immediately or this ceremony will be postponed for a time could not be ascertained at the house Sunday night.

WENT THROUGH A BRIDGE.

Three of a Crew of a Wrecking Train Killed; Others Injured.

Brookfield, Mo., Dec. 15.—A wrecking train on the Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad went through a high bridge over Yellow creek Saturday night while on the way to clear away a wrecked freight. Three dead bodies and several injured persons have been recovered from the wreckage and more may be found.

The collapse of the steel bridge was caused by a collision between the superstructure of the causeway and a steel derrick. Engineer Goode and Fireman Greene were imprisoned in the cab of the locomotive by tons of twisted iron. By aid of the moonlight they pounded an opening with sledge hammers and crawled into the water, whence they were rescued.

DEVASTATED BY FIRE.

Property to the Value of \$150,000 Destroyed in Centerville, Md.

Centerville, Md., Dec. 15.—The business portion of this city was devastated by fire early Sunday entailing a loss of about \$150,000, with insurance of \$78,000. A high wind rendered the work of the local volunteer fire department inadequate and a special train brought two engine companies from Wilmington, Del., whose work soon subdued the flames.

ON A WAGER.

Two Men Are Driving From Colorado to Asheville, N. C.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 15.—Edward M. Barr, of Chicago, and Dr. Stanley O. Sabel, of New York, who are driving from Colorado to Asheville, N. C., on a wager, left Knoxville Sunday morning, have less than 100 miles to make before Christmas. They have driven 3,000 miles since the middle of June and have avoided large cities as much as possible. Barr is a son of J. M. Barr, general superintendent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad.

A LONG JOURNEY.

George Harold Says He Has Traveled More Than 65,000 Miles.

St. Louis, Dec. 15.—George Harold, a tramp, who says he has traveled more than 65,000 miles, is in St. Louis with a queer collection of relics and souvenirs. He is headed for Guatemala, where he declares he will receive a wage of \$5,000. He is 27 years old, and has tramped steadily for eight years. During that time he has been in every country on the globe. Harold arrived in St. Louis from the Klondike regions.

Oil and Anthracite in Alaska.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 15.—Southern Alaska may rival the anthracite coal and oil production of Pennsylvania, according to Charles F. Sinclair, who has arrived from Katala, bringing coal samples running 70 per cent. in illuminating quality. Katala is 200 miles east of Valdes.

A Fatal Quarrel.

Clinton, Ia., Dec. 15.—During a quarrel here Sunday Charles Granderson, of Sioux City, was shot and instantly killed. Benjamin Carroll was wounded twice, and Mrs. Carroll was probably fatally shot. The shooting resulted from jealousy.

Morphine Poisoning.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 15.—A young German, who was known here as H. S. Benjamin, is dead from morphine poisoning. It is said his right name was Hans Gwafelich von Schoeffky, that he was a German count, and that he owned a large estate in Germany.

Seven Inches of Snow.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 15.—Seven inches of snow, half of which has fallen since morning, is on the ground. Trains Sunday night are coming in late from all directions. No wind accompanied the storm, however.

WITH SHOT AND SHELL.

Fort and Castle at Puerto Cabello Quickly Destroyed.

This Means That War Has Begun Between Great Britain and Germany On One Side and Venezuela On the Other.

Puerto Cabello, Saturday, Dec. 13.—The British cruiser Charybdis and the German cruiser Vineta bombarded the fortress here at 5 o'clock this afternoon and quickly silenced it. The bombardment lasted for 45 minutes. The fortress is composed of Fort Solano and the castle Libertador. After the firing ceased the Charybdis sent marines to occupy the castle. The fortress was almost demolished. It is probable that only a few persons were injured by the shelling. The commander of Castle Libertador has been taken prisoner. The cruisers are still here.

At 7 o'clock this morning the Charybdis and the Vineta arrived here searching for Venezuelan gunboats. The two cruisers sent their boats into the inner port, but finding no gunboats the boats returned. The captain of the British merchant steamer Topaze, which was seized by the mob here last Wednesday, then visited the British commodore on board the Charybdis and lodged a protest against the violation of his ship. The British captain returned an hour later with a detachment of 50 marines, who took charge of the Topaze. The populace was greatly excited at this incident and raised the cry, "To arms!" but there was no disorder.

The British commodore then sent a message to the authorities at Puerto Cabello demanding immediate satisfaction for the action of the mob in having hauled down the British flag from the Topaze, saying that if this satisfaction was not forthcoming in two hours, at 5 o'clock the fortress and the custom house would be bombarded. On receipt of this demand the authorities sent a message to President Castro asking for instructions.

A committee of the merchants of Puerto Cabello then approached the American consul here, petitioning him to intervene. The consul accepted this mission and visited the cruisers, but he could obtain no alteration in the decision of the allies.

At 5:15 a reply was received from President Castro, who authorized the chief official here to give the British commodore ample satisfaction. Before this answer could be communicated to the American consul the hour stipulated for its receipt had arrived; the cruisers immediately opened fire on the fortress. The fire was returned from Fort Solano and Castle Libertador, but the Venezuelans' guns were soon silenced. While the firing continued there was intense excitement in this port. Every house in town was closed.

The people of Puerto Cabello can not account for this precipitate action on the part of the allies, which they consider to be proof that Great Britain and Germany intend forcing war upon Venezuela.

The British marines propose to make use of the cannon in Castle Libertador. No damage was done to the town. The excitement of the people is subsiding.

Caracas, Saturday, Dec. 13.—The British legation here was reopened to-night under the American flag by W. W. Russell, secretary of the American legation.

The statement that Italy, through her legation here, is to demand payment of her claims against Venezuela has been confirmed.

The arrival of the United States gunboat Marietta at La Guaira yesterday was due to a rumor that United States Minister Bowen was in danger. There has been no ground for such a rumor, and the presence of the Marietta was not requested by Mr. Bowen.

The situation in Caracas continues to be critical, and there is intense excitement among the German residents of the city. To-day the Germans sought refuge at the American legation, where they were sheltered. Mr. Bowen has gotten in quantities of all kinds of provisions, to be prepared for any emergency.

The enlistment of Venezuelan soldiers continues. Two thousand men from the environs of Caracas and Valencia came into this city to-day. Priests are preaching for war. It is reported that 90 Germans living in the country have offered to support the Venezuelan government against Germany.

The people of Caracas are astonished that the government at Washington remains silent in spite of the recent acts of the allied fleet.

Aged Photographer Dead.

Detroit, Dec. 15.—J. Jex Bardwell, 79 years old, one of the oldest photographers of the country, died here Sunday. He was at one time president of the National Association of Photographers.

Government Bill Passed.

Brussels, Dec. 11.—After a prolonged debate the chamber Wednesday night, by 69 votes to 50, adopted the government bill providing for the punishment of persons using indecent or improper language in any public place or at any meeting.

Mrs. Hoady Sells Property.

New York, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Hoady, widow of former Gov. George Hoady, of Ohio, has sold a five-story residence at No. 33 East Fifth street, purchased 15 years ago, when the family first came here from Cincinnati.

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From Maysville—7:45 am; 8:15 pm.

Departure of Trains from Paris:

To Cincinnati—5:15 am; 7:51 am; 8:30 pm.
To Lexington—7:50 am; 11:05 am; 5:40 pm; 9:45 pm.
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